

...one was taken from any county job to work on the fair," Peterson said. "There were several county employees who volunteered to sell tickets and do various jobs at the fair, but it was a strictly voluntary thing and did not interfere with anyone's regular job."

could spawn "major corruption" and deprive residents of their chance to vote officials into or out of office.

"I find this very interesting," Peterson said. "These people, when they were backing the tax initiatives

Blaylock said his party will continue to act as a "watchdog" organization over government entities, "alerting the public as to what is really taking place."

"That is their right," Peterson said.

## Permit Remains Up in the Air

# Firm's Dust Kicks Up Complaints

Special to The Tribune  
ECHO, Summit County — A shipping company with operations near Echo is drawing the ire of several residents angry about dust its operations cause.

Although the business is operating without a permit from the Utah Division of Air Quality, state officials have not stopped operations because they haven't been able to substantiate complaints.

Utelite Corp., which processes a lightweight aggregate used in cement, transports the material by Union Pacific through Echo.

Utelite has been in business for about 25 years with a plant near Rockport Reservoir in central Summit County.

Until last spring, when Union Pacific sold its rail line to a salvage company, the aggregate had been shipped from Wanship. Utelite then moved its shipping to the nearest rail connection, at Echo.

Several Echo residents have complained about the noise and dust and they have voiced concerns to county and state officials because the shipping site is supposed to be approved by the state Division of Air Quality.

But Utelite owner Carsten Mortensen said he applied for a permit "six months ago" and the division has been unable to respond because it is backed up with other requests.

While Mortensen is concerned about being penalized by the state for operating without permission, he said if he ceased operations it "would eliminate all the customers we have developed over the last couple

of years. They would go to another source to get aggregate."

Echo resident Jane Harper has voiced her concerns because her home is less than 400 feet away.

"I'm not opposed to the Utelite production, but I am concerned about the health and safety problems it is creating," said Harper. "I just don't know if it is harmful to myself, my children or other people from this area."

She maintains that materials have been shipped on windy days during the summer months, and she says production has "quadrupled" since the firm moved from Wanship to Echo.

Mortensen says he has responded to residents' concerns by installing a "bag house" to collect dust above the loading chute and conveyor belt.

"We have also used a water spray to settle the dust, even though the people who are complaining have refused to sell us water. I've had to pay to have it trucked in from an outside source," said Mortensen.

The Utelite owner alleged that "only one or two people from Echo are causing 90 percent of the problem." And he added, "We don't think there's a problem now. We have been really conscientious trying to make sure we haven't created any more problems. We do realize there were a few days when it was really bad."

Jeff Dean from the state Division of Air Quality described the situation as "more of a neighbor problem than an air quality problem."

He said Utelite risks being penalized up to \$10,000 per day for operating without permission, in accordance with state statute.

"Utelite probably will be penalized, but we haven't come to an agreement on it yet," said Dean.

While he noted that the state does issue cease and desist orders when necessary, it doesn't unless a "real health problem" is created.

"We have had about three inspections of the facility and we haven't seen the problems the neighbors say exist," said Dean. "Our plan is to try and bring Utelite into compliance with state regulations by having the company go through the review process and 30-day public comment period."

That review process likely will not be completed "for several weeks at least," said Dean, but inspectors will examine equipment and dust control devices. "We will be looking at Utelite regularly to see if there's a problem up there," said Dean. "If we went up there and saw an extremely dirty operation, we would normally issue a cease and desist order."

Summit County Commissioner Sheldon Richins, who lives in the neighboring town of Henefer, also has been concerned about the operation. While he said "the people of Echo have got a legitimate concern living only a few hundred feet from the facility," he said that Mortensen "is trying to get the dust problem taken care of." Richins added that the Summit County Health Department "is well aware of the situation."

## Alliance: Keep Mental Health, Substance Abuse Separate

Utah Alliance for the Mentally Ill has begun a letter-writing campaign opposing the proposed merger of the state divisions of Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

Department of Social Services Director Norman G. Angus has appointed a committee to consider pros and cons of the proposed merger and to prepare draft legislation to combine the two divisions. But the actual merger would require legislative action.

When the mental-health director resigned last month, Mr. Angus appointed the substance abuse director

Members also believe the merger would confuse the identities of the two separate constituencies of substance abuse and mental health and that it would weaken the state presence needed for effective oversight of locally run programs.

The alliance also opposes the probable merger of the state boards of Mental Health and Substance Abuse because that would weaken advocacy efforts for the separate groups.

UAMI is asking individuals who oppose the merger to write Gov. Norm Bangerter; the co-chairs of the Health and Social Services Appro-

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### Clara T. Williams

Clara Toone Williams, age 69, died October 15, 1989, at her home in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Born September 16, 1920 in Croydon, Utah, a daughter of William Henry and Inez Grover Toone. Married Dee A. Williams, June 1, 1942 in Morgan, Utah; later solemnized in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. Graduated from Morgan High School. Moved to Salt Lake City in 1941. Active in the LDS Church and has held many positions at the Stake and Ward levels including that of Ward Primary president, WYMLA counselor, Ward Relief Society and Stake Primary counselor, member of WYMLA and Sunday School Stake Boards. She had love and compassion for all whom she was associated with. Was affectionately known as "The Sunshine Lady" among her many widowed ladies of the ward. She loved her family dearly, her home and Salt Lake.

She is survived by her husband of Salt Lake; a son, Albert D. Williams of St. George, Utah; a daughter, Mrs. Don (DeAnn) VanNoy of Cameron, Africa; nine grandchildren, Brett D., Brock A., Brandon C., Williams of St. George; Alissa, Michelle, Christine, Aaron, Nathan, Joshua VanNoy of Cameron; a brother, Dean Williams Toone of Orem, Utah. Funeral services Friday, October 20th, at 12 noon, Parley's 5th Ward Chapel, 2615 East Stringham Avenue (2285 South). Friends may call at the Larkin Sunset Lawn Mortuary, 2350 East 1300 South, Thursday evening 6-8 p.m., and at the Ward on Friday, one hour prior to services. Interment will be in Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery. N3 10/17 N4 10/18

### Donna Jane

### Pittman Esslinger

Our beloved mother, grandmother and friend, Donna Jane Pittman Esslinger, passed away October 14, 1989, in her home, after a two-and-a-half-year battle with cancer.

She was born April 21, 1936, in Fort Pierce, Florida. She married Cyril Roderick Esslinger January 6, 1957; later separated after 20 years of marriage. She worked for First Interstate Bank as a customer service representative for ten-and-a-half years. She loved gardening, bak-

## Seminar Starts Sunday on Child Abuse

Children abusing children, ritualistic abuse and courtroom practices are among topics to be covered at the Eighth National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect convening Sunday in Salt Lake City.

Titled "Off the Beaten Path," the conference at Symphony Hall and the Salt Palace will include more than 75 workshops and 250 speakers between Sunday and Wednesday.